

Court House
Cumberland
Cumberland County
Virginia

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COURT HOUSE
Cumberland, Cumberland Co., Va.

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Owner: County

Date: Early 19th Century.

Architect: Perhaps Jefferson

Condition: Good (facade)

Description: Brick, Flemish bond, one story high. Plan, large central court room with offices at either side. The long side of the building is the facade five bays long, with a Tuscan portico covering the center door and window at either side. The door is very high and double leafed. It is framed by a wide architrave with ~~metopes~~, which supports a pulvinated frieze and cornice. The windows are square headed with 9/9 sash. The roof is gabled with the gables appearing as pediments on the end elevation. The interior trim is plain and may date from a later period.

The design is distinguished and strongly suggests Jefferson's last period. The fact that he designed several courthouses in the neighboring counties, and he often gave advice on such projects prompts the conjecture that Jefferson designed the building.

To the east is a small Doric Temple form clerks office, of brick with wood trim. Its cornice is enriched with triglyphes and metopes but in place of columns it has a pair of coupled posts, which may be a substitution for the original columns.

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